

TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS BOOKS FROM THE
NAVY DEPARTMENT TO THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

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Mr. STEPHENS, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 350]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 350) to authorize the transfer of surplus books from the Navy Department to the Interior Department, having had the same under consideration, report favorable thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the transfer of such books no longer required by the Navy Department to the Interior Department as may be considered useful by the Secretary of the Interior for educational purposes at the Indian School at Santa Fe, N. Mex., and other Indian schools throughout the United States.

Existing law applicable to the disposition of surplus books in the office of Naval Records and library of this department is found in the act approved February 25, 1903 (38 Stat. 865), and provides as follows:

"The head of any executive department or bureau or any commission of the Government is hereby authorized from time to time to turn over to the Librarian of Congress, for the use of the Library of Congress, any books, maps, or other material in the library of the department, bureau, or commission no longer needed for its use, and in the judgment of the Librarian of Congress appropriate to the uses of the Library of Congress.

"Any books of a miscellaneous character no longer required for the use of such department, bureau, or commission, and not deemed an advisable addition to the Library of Congress, shall, if appropriate to the uses of the Free Public Library of the District of Columbia, be turned over to that library for general use as a part thereof."

The proposed bill would appear to furnish a welcome outlet for the disposition of such of the books as are not wanted by either the Library of Congress or the Free Public Library of the District of Columbia.

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